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PATENT APPLICATION

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PREPARING SPECIMENS FOR
MICROSCOPY**

AMENDMENT

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

December 20, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 20, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments contained herein be entered in the instant application:

I, Barry I. Friedman, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a), hereby certify that I have a reasonable basis to expect that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope bearing sufficient postage and addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

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